Pollution in rivers of Karnataka

4391. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether pollution in major rivers in Karnataka has assumed serious proportions;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the result of the studies conducted, if any, in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) and (b) The water quality of rivers namely, Cauvery, Kabini, Tunga, Bhadra and Tungabhadra in Karnataka is monitored regularly at 27 locations. The water quality data of 2002-03 indicate presence of organic pollution in most of the rivers above the desired standard. The water quality of rivers in Karnataka in terms of ranges of Dissolved Oxygen and Biochemical Oxygen Demand during 2002-03 is as under :—

Name of the River	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)
Cauvery	6.0-8.8	0.8-5.6
Kabini	5.2-7.8	1.0-2.6
Tunga	5.1-8.1	1.1-3.8
Bhadra	1.2-7.6	1.0-5.2
Tungabhadra	5.2-10.0	4.5-8.0
Desired Standards	5 or more	3 or less

(c) Under the National River Conservation Plan of Government, pollution abatement works on these rivers in Karnataka have been sanctioned as under :—

(*Rs. in Crore*)

S.No.	Town	Rivers	Approved cost
1.	Shimoga	Tunga (Krishna)	7.08
2.	Harihara	Tungabhadra (Krishna)	2.50
3.	Bhadravati	Bhadra (Krishna)	4.60
4.	Davengere	Tungabhadra (Krishna)	6.44
5.	K.R. Nagar	Cauvery	0.80
6.	Kollegal	Cauvery	0.71
7.	Nanjangud	Cauvery	1.75
8.	Sri Ranagapatna	Cauvery	1.84
9.	Bangalore	Cauvery and Pennar	46.27
	TOTAL		71.99

Out of the above approved cost, a total 33 projects have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 61.90 crore. Of these, 6 projects have been completed. An amount of Rs. 18.40 crore has been released to implementing agencies, out of which an amount of Rs. 9.70 crore has been spent so far.

Allocation for setting up cold storage

4392. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of financial allocation made to set up cold storage during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total number of agriculturists benefited through this scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether Government will come forward to allocate more funds to set up more cold storage projects, to help the agriculturists of our country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Financial assistance has been extended to cold storage projects in the States of Gujarat, Kerala and Maharashtra under the Ministry's scheme during the last three